



CITY SNIPPETS

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

The City of Hickory has been working with citizens and neighborhoods for decades, and in the mid-1990s, the City of Hickory officially started a neighborhood association program. There are currently nine recognized neighborhood associations in Hickory, including Claremont, Forest Hills, Green Park, Highland, Kenworth, Lakeland Park, Oakwood/Hillcrest, Ridgeview, and West Hickory/Westmont.

Neighborhood association meetings are a great way to stay engaged and informed about your city. It also provides an avenue for citizens to communicate their questions, concerns, and feedback to their local government.

City staff serve as neighborhood liaisons to the groups and help to answer questions and provide information about programs, events, projects, and issues going on in the City. Hickory police officers and firefighters attend all neighborhood meetings and give updates on happenings in each neighborhood.



Want to connect with those in your neighborhood and learn more about your community? Check the Neighborhoods webpage, <https://www.hickorync.gov/neighborhoods>, to learn more about your neighborhood and find out when the group meets. Neighborhood association meetings are also posted monthly on the City's online calendar.

FIREFIIGHTERS CHECK CITY HYDRANTS

During the next several months, firefighters will implement the annual hydrant inspection and maintenance program throughout the City of Hickory service area. During this process, firefighters and public utilities personnel will be working very close to busy streets while actually flowing water from hydrants. For the safety of all, motorists are encouraged to reduce their speed and exercise extreme caution when recognizing their path of travel will pass nearby hydrants being operated.



"Although firefighters check hydrants for various reasons, the main priority is to ensure that each hydrant is verified for usage in the event of a fire. While flowing each hydrant, firefighters also use instruments to calculate the amount of pressure and available water. This proactive approach is also important in maintaining the City's current fire insurance rating," stated Deputy Fire Chief Chad Fisher.

"An added benefit of this program is that flushing hydrants helps maintain water quality. However, as a consequence of flushing, sometimes this operation causes brief water discoloration. If this should occur, call the City of Hickory at 828-323-7500 to flush the main line. After the main line is cleared of discoloration, homeowners should turn on an outside spigot to clear up the water inside the residence. Refrain from using

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ADDRESS

76 North Center Street

WEBSITE

HickoryNC.gov

PHONE

828.323.7400

ISSUE

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HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 7 & 21 | 7 p.m.
Julian G. Whitener
Municipal Building (City Hall)
HickoryNC.gov



7 BILLION ONES: A RANDY BACON RETROSPECTIVE

May 28 - September 11
Hickory Museum of Art
Sponsored by: City of Hickory
and Hickory Community
Relations Council
HickoryArt.org

BIG BANG BOOM!

Thursday, June 2
11 a.m.
Registration Required
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

THE PIRATE QUEEN

June 3 - 18
Hickory Community Theatre
HickoryTheatre.org

SAILS ORIGINAL MUSIC SERIES

Fri., June 3: Reliably Bad
Fri., June 17: Alexa Rose Band
7 p.m.
Union Square
HickoryNC.gov/SailsMusic

S.O.A.P. - SUMMER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM

June 6-10
Registration Required
Hickory Parks, Recreation &
Sports Tourism

SKATE COMPETITION

Saturday, June 11
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Registration Required
Stanford Skate Park

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY HOUSING FAIR

Saturday, June 11
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ridgeview Recreation Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA PARADE

Thursday, June 30
11 a.m.
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

hot water as soon as possible after experiencing discoloration to prevent the hot water heater from getting discolored," stated Public Utilities Director Shawn Pennell.

Since there are more than 2,000 hydrants located in the city, this process will take several months to complete. Although checking these hydrants will take place on weekdays from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., occasionally, firefighters may have to make various checks during weekends and after-hours when it is impractical or not feasible to do so during the weekday.

If you want to be notified when hydrants will be flowed in your area, please sign up to receive CodeRED Alerts through Catawba County's Community Alert Program. Sign up, or update your contact information, for CodeRED Alerts by clicking the link under "Request" under the "How Do I" navigation tab on the City's website, www.HickoryNC.gov. For additional information or questions, please contact Hickory Public Utilities at 828-323-7427 or Deputy Fire Chief Chad Fisher at 828-323-7420.

NEW 73-ACRE PARK OPENS

Bruce Meisner Park is open! A ribbon cutting was held on April 8 to celebrate the grand opening of the new 73-acre park and the completion of its first phase of construction. The new park is named in honor of Hickory resident and former councilman Bruce Meisner, who served the City of Hickory for 32 years. During his tenure on the Hickory City Council, Meisner was a strong supporter of regional partnerships for water and sewer infrastructure, transportation improvements, and recreational amenities.

Current amenities at the park include a paved walking trail or promenade, a picnic shelter with restrooms, and outdoor grills. These amenities allow visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of the landscape and a wide variety of recreation activities in the park. Bruce Meisner Park is located at 35 Cloninger Mill Road NE in Hickory. For more information about the park, visit www.hickorync.gov/bruce-meisner-park or call 828-322-7046.



FAQ: How do I reserve a picnic shelter at a city park?

Answer: Picnic shelters at Hickory parks are available on a first come, first served basis unless reserved through the Hickory Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Administrative Offices. Picnic shelters at Glenn Hilton Park and Kiwanis Park may be reserved for a small fee. A 4-hour rental is \$50 for city residents or \$80 for non-residents, plus a \$40 refundable cleanup deposit. To reserve a picnic shelter, please visit <https://hickory.activityreg.com/selectfacility t2.wcs>. Create an account, then select the day, time, and location of your desired rental. Follow the checkout process. Note that playgrounds and splash pads cannot be reserved, and bounce houses are not permitted. Please call 828-322-7046 if you have further questions.